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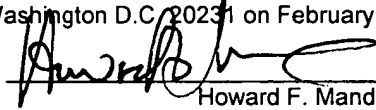
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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/026,357
A Pipe or the Like, A Female End Ring, and a Method of
Manufacturing such a Pipe or the Like
Leblanc
Our Ref: MART0780US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above referenced patent application which was filed in accordance with Rule 1.53 are the following:

- Notice to File Missing Parts
- Application Data Sheet
- Preliminary Amendment
- Executed inventor's declaration
- 8 sheets of formal drawings
- Executed assignment with cover sheet for recordal
- English language translation of specification with Declaration of Accuracy of Translation
- Priority Document

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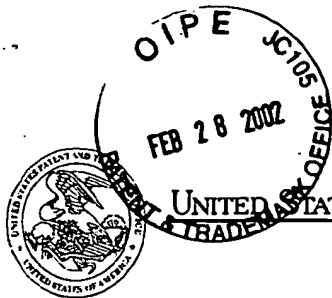
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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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